GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2478
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ESCAPE OF PRISONERS FROM TIHAR JAIL
PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of prisoners have escaped from the high security Tihar Jail during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the main reasons therefor, year-wise; and

(d) the action taken by the Government against the guilty officials responsible for these incidents ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (c): During the period from August 1, 1998 to July 31, 2001, two prisoners managed to escape from Central Jail, Tihar. On 2nd August, 2000, a prisoner from Jail No. 1 managed to escape by hiding himself in the vehicle used for transportation of vegetables. He was later arrested. Another prisoner of Jail No. 4 escaped on 8th June, 2001. Inquiry into the circumstances in which he managed to escape has been assigned to the Additional District Magistrate concerned.

(d): Departmental proceedings have been instituted against four officials for their alleged involvement in escape of the prisoner from Jail No. 1. As regards the second case, one of the Warders, who was prima facie found involved in the escape, has been placed under suspension pending comprehensive action on receipt of the inquiry report from the Additional District Magistrate concerned.